

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-15, and add new Claim 17, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended): A system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory storing computer-executable applications that, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to implement a method for facilitating ~~configured to facilitate the~~ transmission of messages from a seller to a supplier, wherein the computer-executable applications include ~~comprising:~~

a seller application operable to store end-purchaser information and to populate a message with the end-purchaser information;

a supplier application;

a web application coupled to the supplier application and operable to accept user input containing one or more portions of the message; and

a proxy application coupled between the seller application and the supplier application, wherein the proxy application is configured to:

translate the message from a format used by the seller application to a format used by the supplier application,

encrypt/decrypt and transmit the message from the seller application to the supplier application,

report, to at least one of the supplier application and the seller application, an aggregate of transactions performed by a seller during a specified time period, and update communication software to communicate between the seller application and the supplier application.

2. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1₁ wherein the seller application is a web services application.

3. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1₁ wherein the proxy application is configured to facilitate transmitting the message using simple object access protocol (SOAP) [[SOAP]] and hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) [[HTTP]] between the seller application and the supplier application.

4. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1₁ wherein the supplier application is configured to facilitate exchanging information with the seller application and the supplier application.

5. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1₁ wherein the proxy application facilitates transmitting information using ~~an XML~~ extensible markup language (XML).

6. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 5₁ wherein the proxy module facilitates transmitting information using XML format is a simple object access protocol (SOAP) [[SOAP]] message conforming to ~~the WSDL~~ web services description language (WSDL).

7. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1₁ wherein the system facilitates transmitting information related to the sale of travelers checks.

8. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1₁ wherein the system facilitates transmitting information related to the sale of prepaid services.

9. (Currently Amended): A method for facilitating [[the]] transmission of messages from a seller to a supplier, the method being performed by a computer that includes a processor and a memory storing computer-executable applications, wherein the method comprises ~~comprising the~~ steps of:

~~storing, by a seller application[[,]]~~ causing end-purchaser information to be stored in the memory; [[and]]

~~populating, by the seller application[[,]]~~ causing a message to be populated with the end-purchaser information;

~~accepting, by a web application[[,]]~~ causing user input containing one or more portions of the message to be accepted into the memory;

~~translating, by a proxy application[[,]]~~ causing the message to be translated by the processor from a format used by the seller application to a format used by a supplier application₁[[:]]

the proxy application causing encrypting/decrypting and transmitting, by the proxy application, the message from the seller application to be encrypted/decrypted by the processor and transmitted to the supplier application₁[[:]]

~~the proxy application causing reporting, by the proxy application, to at least one of the supplier application and the seller application,~~ an aggregate of transactions performed by a seller during a specified time period to be reported to at least one of the supplier application and the seller application,[[:]] and

~~the proxy application causing updating, by the proxy application,~~ communication software to be updated to communicate between the seller application and the supplier application.

10. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the seller application is a web services application.

11. (Currently Amended): The ~~system method~~ method of claim 9, further comprising the step of transmitting data using simple object access protocol (SOAP) [[SOAP]] and hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) [[HTTP]] between the seller application and the supplier application.

12. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of exchanging information [[with]] between the seller application and the supplier application.

13. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, further comprising transmitting information using ~~an XML~~ extensible markup language (XML).

14. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 13, further comprising transmitting information using wherein the XML format is a simple object access protocol

(SOAP) [[SOAP]] message conforming to ~~the WSDL~~ web services description language (WSDL).

15. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of[[:]] transmitting information related to the sale of travelers checks.

16. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of transmitting information related to the sale of prepaid services.

17. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing computer executable code that, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to implement a method for facilitating transmission of messages from a seller to a supplier, wherein the method comprises steps of:

storing, by a seller application, end-purchaser information;

populating, by the seller application, a message with the end-purchaser information;

accepting, by a web application coupled to a supplier application, user input containing one or more portions of the message;

translating, by a proxy application, the message from a format used by the seller application to a format used by the supplier application;

encrypting/decrypting and transmitting, by the proxy application, the message from the seller application to the supplier application;

reporting, by the proxy application, to at least one of the supplier application and the seller application, an aggregate of transactions performed by a seller during a specified time period; and

updating, by the proxy application, communication software to communicate between the seller application and the supplier application.